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REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. A version of the claims is at pages 2-8. Claim 30 stands withdrawn. Independent claims 1, 8, 12-15, 25 and 29 have been amended herein to incorporate subject matter that the Examiner deemed allowable in the Office Action dated November 2, 2005. In addition, claim 5 has been cancelled and claim 6 has been amended to correct a minor informality. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-29 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mozumder *et al.* (US 5,661,669) and Miller *et al.* (US 6,643,557) in view of the acknowledged prior art. In view of the incorporation of allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner into independent claims 1, 8, 12-15, 25 and 29, it is believed that the subject patent application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [AMDP660US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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